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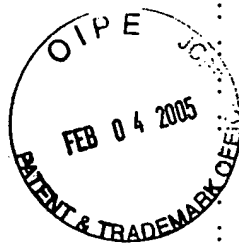
In re Application of

Andrew James MASON

Serial No.: 09/787,204

Filed: March 15, 2001

For: TANDEM AUDIO COMPRESSION



: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 7580

: Group Art Unit: 2644

: Examiner: L.A. Grier

**THIRD STATUS INQUIRY**

Mail Stop Status Inquiry  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on March 15, 2001. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before June 2, 2002 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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